

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 27 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 19, 2004.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant notes the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on March 4, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant will provide a true copy to the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patents 6,607,019 and 6,267,167

Claims 1 through 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 20, 26, 28, 29, 30 and 34 through 36 of U.S. Patent 6,607,019.

Claims 1 through 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4 through 23, 29, 31, 32, 33 and 37 through 39 of U.S. Patent 6,267,167.

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing Terminal Disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the Terminal Disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the Terminal Disclaimers and accompanying fee.

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Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 27 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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